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SUBJECT: CANADIAN TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO  
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN EL SALVADOR

1. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR ACCREDITED TO EL SALVADOR, BUT RESIDENT IN COSTA RICA, RALPH REYNOLDS, ARRIVED IN SAN SALVADOR FEB. 11 TO FINALIZE AND SIGN SEVERAL IMPORTANT AGREEMENTS OF TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL COOPERATION BETWEEN EL SALVADOR AND CANADA. THESE AGREEMENTS HAD BEEN NEGOTIATED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE CONVENTION OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION SIGNED BY CANADA AND EL SALVADOR IN MAY 1973.

2. AMBASSADOR REYNOLDS AND THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HAVE RECEIVED EXTENSIVE AND HIGHLY FAVORABLE PUBLICITY SINCE HIS ARRIVAL FOR THIS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, WHICH APPARENTLY HAS BEEN IN THE DEVELOPMENT STAGES FOR SOME TIME.

3. THREE MAJOR PROGRAMS WILL BE CARRIED OUT UNDER THESE AGREEMENTS WITH SEVERAL MINISTERS OF THE GOES WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CANADIAN AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT. THEY ARE: 1) CANADIAN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF CANADIAN ADVISORS WORKING WITH THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND COORDINATION OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. MINISTRY OFFICIALS WOULD ALSO BE SENT TO CANADA FOR TRAINING. 2) PROJECT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF FRESH WATER FISHING. IN THIS AREA ACD  
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OFFICIALS WOULD WORK WITH THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, PRACTICAL TRAINING AND A PILOT PROJECT IN INCREASING PRODUCTION OF FRESH WATER FISH THROUGH ARTIFICIAL METHODS. 3) DEVELOPMENT OF FISHING INDUSTRY IN GENERAL. AS A PART OF THIS PROJECT AMBASSADOR REYNOLDS ON FEB 14 OFFICIALLY DONATED TO THE GOES THE FORMER CANADIAN TRAINING SHIP "ESQUELA DEL MAR" (VALUED AT \$1,300,000 U.S.) TO BE USED FOR INSTRUCTION IN

NAVIAGATION AND FISHING TECHNIQUES. THE LATTER TWO PROJECTS  
WOULD BE CONDUCTED AT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF LA UNION.DR

4. IN ADDI-

TION ON FEB 15, AMB REYNOLDS SIGNED AN AGREEMENT  
FOR A LOAN OF \$1,200,000 U.S. TO AID IN PROVIDING POTABLE WATER  
FOR RURAL AREAS OF EL SALVADOR.

COMMENT: THESE FAIRLY EXTENSIVE ASSISTANCE PROJECTS, INCLUDING  
THE PRESENCE OF AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF TECHNICAL ADVISORS  
COULD POSSIBLY LEAD TO THE OPENING OF A RESIDENT CANADIAN  
MISSION IN EL SALVADOR.

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